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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Hisashi YAMAGISHI, Hiroshi HIGUCHI, Junji HAYASHI, and Akira

KAWATA

MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

Our Ref: Q61128

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/129,883 filed August 6, 1998, of Hisashi YAMAGISHI, Hiroshi HIGUCHI, Junji HAYASHI, and Akira KAWATA entitled, "MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL".

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims, 2 sheets of formal drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3711.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/129,883 filed August 6, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from August 11, 1997, and September 11, 1997, based on Japanese Application Nos. 9-228902 and 60/058,563, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/129,883.

Cancel claim: 1

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently herewith.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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